





## INAUGURATION.

Our telegraphic columns announce that President Hayes took the oath of office on Saturday evening, so as to prevent any complications that might arise by reason of an interregnum. A telegram received just before going to press states that the formal inauguration to take place at noon to-day. The inaugural address was passing over the wires at the moment but we will not be able to give it before our readers until to-morrow.

To-day it is plain U. S. Grant.

THE PRESIDENT HAYES is the first we have yet used to.

The Cambridge Chronicle tells a good story of an occurrence in a recent trial at that place. Bill O'Brien, known as the Democratic war-horse, was the examining counsel, and in the course of the trial asked one Westphal, a witness if he served in the army during the war, and he replied that he did. "On which side, sir?" thundered O'Brien. "On the Republican side," answered the witness. Then the court house smiled.

UNDER the head of "Gone to Pieces," the Chicago Times of Wednesday thus turns and sucks the democratic party. There is no disputing the fact that it tells far more of truth than it is accustomed to.

Setting up enormous pretensions to superior political virtue, this combination of inconsistent political humbugs proceeded systematically in an attempt to bamboozle the country into the notion that they were come to rescue the nation from the vast army of official thieves that were devouring it. They held a convention at St. Louis, yelled "Reform is necessary!"—selected a slippery New York politician to represent one kind of principles and a facing all-ways Indiana demagogue to represent several other kinds of principles,—tied two spanned horses together by the tails, and set them cantering in opposite directions for the spoils.

This dead letter office at Washington furnishes occasionally some curious incidents, and here is one as related by the Indianapolis Journal. In 1838 Samuel Gardner, of Syracuse, N. Y., sent a letter containing a draft for three hundred and sixty dollars on the Onondaga Bank of that city to his brother, Palmer Gardner, at Detroit, Michigan Territory. The letter never reached its destination, and in due time was returned to the dead letter office at Washington. After resting there forty years it came to be regarded with a sort of veneration, and last summer was placed on exhibition among a lot of dead letter curiosities. Among the visitors who saw it was a lady from Burlington, Wisconsin, who recognized the name as that of an aged neighbor of hers, and on her return home she informed him that she had seen a letter in the dead letter office, forty years old, addressed to Palmer Gardner, at Detroit. He at once wrote to the superintendent of the dead letter office, saying that when he was a young man, in 1835, he emigrated from Syracuse to Detroit, and while there his brother, Samuel Gardner, sent him some money which he never received, and asked if he might be informed whether the letter contained in the envelope which was on exhibition bearing his address, was accompanied by money, and whether it was signed by Samuel Gardner. Investigation showed that the Wisconsin Palmer Gardner was the person for whom the letter was intended, and it was delivered to him with the inclosed draft. As, however, the Onondaga bank long since passed out of existence, the draft is worthless.

## A LONG WAY OFF.

Burlington Hawkeye.

"How far is it from here to Washington?" a traveler at a New York hotel asked a dignified elderly stranger. "947,825,722,175,000 miles," was the reply, accompanied with a deep sigh, "and it takes about a million years to get there." Then the stranger put on his hat and walked away, and the traveler asked the clerk if the old party was an escaped lunatic. "The gentleman who just went out the door?" demanded the indignant clerk. "That, sir, is Governor Tilden." And the traveler sat down and pondered and pondered until he lost his train.

For Rent.—The store building on East Main street, (now occupied by J. P. Smallwood), is for rent on reasonable terms. Apply at the store of W. F. Bush.

For Rent.—A house with four rooms, located on South Water street. Apply to R. N. Ham.

## TELEGRAPHIC.

## SWORN IN.

## HAYES TAKES THE OATH OF OFFICE ON SATURDAY.

## The Inauguration To-Day.

## CABINET SPECULATIONS.

## Some Names Given.

## Heavy Failures in Champaign.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The executive mansion is besieged to-day by an immense throng, the majority of whom are here to attend the inauguration ceremonies Monday. The president gave a general reception, and hand shaking was kept up for a long time. The president expressed to many his delight at the approach of the time when he shall relinquish public office, and his cares.

Trains arriving are tolerably crowded with travelers, and hotel accommodations are becoming hard to secure. Flags are flying and decorations line the avenues. The capital has put on holiday attire.

The Columbus Cadets arrived this morning and were escorted to Willard's Hotel by a detachment of the Light Infantry.

President Grant, accompanied by his cabinet, went to the capital last night, and immediately went to the president's room. He sent for several senators and representatives with whom he conversed on public matters. He again urged his views in favor of additional legislation to facilitate resumption of specie payments, and expressed a hope that even in the few hours left of the session something might be effected. The president had a very interesting conversation with Gen. Gordon on the situation in South Carolina. The president said he had not yet made up his mind concerning South Carolina, that Chamberlain had not given him much trouble, and that he hoped the courts would yet prove able to settle the matter. He said further that it was possible that on reflection he might tomorrow conclude to issue the orders asked for in South Carolina, but he would not say for certain. He expressed a desire to take such action as was right, and would meet the approval of the country. To democrats with whom he conversed the president intimated it was his wish to banish all feelings of political antagonism or resentment. The warm personal manner of the president made a very profound impression on them.

A writ of habeas corpus has been issued by Chief Justice Carter to Sergeant at Arms Thompson, directing him to bring before the chief justice the returning board of Louisiana, now held in his custody by orders of the house. Marshal Sharp served the writ and Mr. Thompson said he would refer the matter to the speaker. The object of the writ is not so much to obtain the liberty of the men as to raise the question as to the power of the house to order the board into custody, and then carry the case to the supreme court. The marshal made such return to the writ.

Representatives Ellis, Gibson and Levi, after an interview with the president this morning, sent the following telegram to Gov. Nichols.

WASHINGTON, March 3.  
Gov. F. T. Nichols, New Orleans.  
The president says he sent a dispatch to Packard Thursday notifying him that troops could no longer be employed to uphold either claimant, and that he does not believe Packard would attempt any offensive operations. The president sent a dispatch so he might have time to retire his pretensions if disposed. The president says instructions have been issued which cancel all orders for the preservation of *clausus quo*, and that neither you nor Packard are longer bound to observe it; that he means the people of Louisiana should be as free in their affairs from federal interference as the people of Connecticut, and that there will be no disposition to interfere with them any more than with the people of New York. The president concurs with you that you immediately issue a proclamation and urge protection, amnesty and peace. Being asked if a posse executing the process of Nichol's court would be interfered with by the military, the president replied he more than in any other state. Being asked if Nichol's officers should take possession of the offices in the state without mob violence, would there be military interference, he replied there would be none; that the military would only be used as it had been once in New York and would be in any of the states to overcome mobs too formidable for the civil power of the state authorities. We have submitted the foregoing dispatch yesterday to the president, who has revised it with his own hand, and authorizes us to state that in its present form it is absolutely correct.

[Signed]  
E. A. BURNES,  
R. L. GIBSON,  
J. E. ELLIS,  
W. M. LEVY.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The senate confirmed Oliver C. Sniffen, of New York, and Joseph W. Wiam, of Illinois, paymasters, with the rank of major, and W. H. Cunningham, postmaster, at Oregon, Iowa.

All general appropriation bills become laws, with the exception of that making an appropriation for the support of the army, and the river and harbor bill. In regard to the army bill, the former appropriation leaves sufficient to support that establishment to

the end of the present fiscal year. When it became known that the bill was lost, prominent members said it would necessitate an extra session of congress about May 2.

Official preparations of all kinds are completed for the imposing ceremonies of to-morrow.

The first and principal ceremony belonging to the operation of swearing in of the new president, is really consummated. This fact, which, until to-day, was a profound secret, was accomplished at the executive mansion, between the hours of 7 and 8 last evening. The ceremony was a matter of some discussion between the chief justice, the president elect, attorney general, and a few prominent friends of Gov. Hayes, and the conclusion was reached that such a course was advisable. It was there determined by Gov. Hayes, setting aside the advice of his friends, to take the oath of office yesterday, and consequently the obligation was taken before Chief Justice Waite, at the time mentioned. The ceremony was of the quietest character, the only person present being the chief justice who administered the oath, and the president elect, who subscribed thereto. It was taken in the red parlor of the executive mansion, an apartment where all important ceremonies are conducted. It is understood that the oath will also be taken to-morrow in the usual form, as part of the ceremonies at the capital.

This forenoon the president and Mrs. Hayes accompanied Mrs. Sherman to the Epiphany Episcopal church, the party walking a short distance from Senator Sherman's house to church. The ex-president and family will leave the white house to-morrow morning. The mansion has been put in the most complete order for the reception of its new inmates.

The retiring president has been visited by many personal friends to-day. He is fatigued from constant labor attending the close of his official career, and freely expresses his gratification that he is now out of office.

Prominent friends of Hayes assert, to-night, that the cabinet has already been selected and is known to one or two intimate friends of the president. It is believed that the selection was made before he left Columbus, and notwithstanding earnest efforts made to secure appointments since his arrival here, the incoming president has yielded to no solicitations to appoint others than those he had decided upon.

The inaugural address is the subject of discussion to-night. An impression prevails that the document will be brief, and that it will not differ materially from the sentiments expressed in the letter of acceptance of Governor Hayes.

Justice Davis will appear with his associates of the supreme court at the inauguration ceremonies to-morrow, and will subsequently resign to President Hayes his office as associate justice.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Senator Morton was serenaded to-night at the Ebbitt house by his Ohio friends.

He acknowledged the compliment by making a speech, saying in conclusion: "I am not authorized to speak for the president elect, but I venture to say that in pursuing a just and conciliatory policy it must proceed on the basis of an enforcement of the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution of the United States. It must proceed upon the basis of granting protection to life and liberty and to the political rights of all classes, without regard to color or politics. There can be no compromise, no peace, which is not based on the political and civil rights of all classes of men. When there shall be such protection to life and liberty then there will be peace and tranquility, but not before. I have no doubt from his utterances and lofty character, that he will do the South full and ample justice, and endeavor, as far as possible, to obliterate the past and blot out hatred engendered by the war, and that every step in that direction will be for the peace, security and protection of all."

Senator Morton, in the course of his speech and at the close, was enthusiastically applauded.

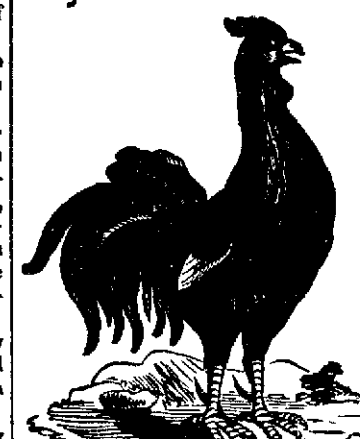
CHAMPAIGN, Ill., March 4.—The failure and flight of R. B. Condit, a leading banker of this city, is now the principal topic of surprise and comment in this city, he having been regarded as one of the most reliable and substantial men in this portion of the state. He left this city some days ago for St. Louis. The full extent of his financial embarrassments has been made public. The liabilities are now estimated at \$80,000, and the assets will probably reach \$45,000. His bank accounts were straitened and the liabilities consist principally of sums borrowed from private individuals, many of whom are ruined financially by his failure. Stock dealing has undoubtedly caused some of his loss, but all in all as far as a matter of mere conjecture. The whereabouts of Mr. Condit are unknown, but when last heard of he was in San Antonio, Texas. Hopes which were first entertained of his return are given up by nearly all. He leaves a wife and several children, who have the deepest sympathy of the community.

TO THE SUFFERING.  
Pains in Back, Head, Heart, Lungs, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Sciatica, Rheumatic Gout, Nervous and Kidney Diseases, positively cured by Dr. FULTON'S RHEUMATIC REMEDY, Kidney Cordial and Vegetable Liver Pills. A Physician's specialty 43 years. Never fails when taken as directed.

Dr. A. J. STORER, Ag't for Decatur.  
Nov. 22, '76 dly

Wanted.—A few short time notes.  
Mar. 2-334\* ARTHUR E. KINNEY

## Hayes and Wheeler!



There is a time to  
Crow, and Shout  
and Shoot!

## TO - NIGHT!

The Republicans of Decatur believe that the inauguration of President Hayes is a fit occasion for rejoicing, and they therefore propose to burn a little powder this evening. So, when you hear the cannon you will know what it means.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—It is confidently stated, late to night, by a gentleman holding close political and personal relations with President Hayes, that the cabinet will be very certain to contain the names of Mr. Evans, of New York, for secretary of state, Sherman, of Ohio, for secretary of the treasury; Schurz of Missouri, for the interior department; McCarty, of Iowa, for attorney general, and Key, of Tennessee, for postmaster general. It is now probable that one of the other places will be given to Indiana. Who will represent New England, has not yet been determined.

Wanted.—At the Farmers' Store, No. 87 North Church street, in exchange for goods and greenbacks, Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Pork, Beef, Potatoes, Corn and Wood.  
Nov. 28 d&w3m E B PRATT.

Homer, in the Odyssey, gives an elaborate description of the beautiful princess Nausicaa, and her nymphs washing their tunics by the river side. It tells us how they pounded them with flat stones, and labored assiduously for hours. Though Nausicaa was the fairest and only daughter of a great king, who ruled on thousands of subjects, she could not command that which now the poorest may obtain, B. T. Babbitt's Best Soap.

We can safely assert that Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup is the best remedy for coughs, colds, bronchitis and all pulmonary complaints. Call on your druggist and get a bottle. Price 25 cents. For sale by all druggists.

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16 OF THE BEST ARTISTS 16

In the Minstrel Profession.

FAMILY PRICES  
Admission 50 cents. Children, 25 cents. Reserved Seats, \$1.00, now on sale at Abbott's jewelry store.

For secure your seats and avoid the rush at the box office.

## REDEMPTION NOTICE.

To A. M. Corn, Wm. Corn, Adolphus M. Corn, Mrs. Martha Clark and Mary J. Marquis and whom it may concern:

You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, in the county of Mason and state of Illinois, on the 23d day of June, A. D. 1876, for the taxes for the year 1874, I purchased the following described tract of land to-wit: Part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 18, township 18 north, range 4 east of the third Principal Meridian, containing five acres, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23d day of June, A. D. 1877.

Feb. 23-76w\*

## A. C. CORNMAN,

HOUSE AND SIGN

PAINTER!

Paper Hanging, Kalsomining, Gilding, Glazing, Etc.

SHOP—Over John Washburn's Grocery Store, south side New Square, Decatur, Ill., March 1, 1877—d&w3m.

## HAYS &amp; BARTHOLOMEW'S

ONE-PRICE CASH

## Dry Goods House

Have a new stock of Domestic Goods, such as PRINTS, MUSLINS, SHIRTINGS, TICKINGS, DENIMS, JEANS and CASSIMERES, bought before the advance in Cottons, and are very cheap.

Have just received an Elegant Assortment of LADIES' NECK WEAR, the new style LACE LACE BIB COLLAR, SILK and LACE FICHUS, RUCHINGS, LINEN COLLARS and CUFFS, TIES, SILK and LACE HANDKERCHIEFS, &c., &c.

300 pieces EMBROIDERY—the handsomest ever shown in Decatur for the price; and the best FRENCH WOVEN CORSET for 50 cents you ever saw.

## HAYS &amp; BARTHOLOMEW.

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 13, 1877—d&w3f

## S. EINSTEIN'S

—CHEAP—

## Dry Goods House

I have on hand a complete stock of DOMESTIC PRINTS, GINGHAMS, TABLE LINENS, FLANNELS, CASSIMERES, and a full line of DRESS GOODS of all descriptions, which I will offer at Great Bargains until the first day of April, in order to reduce my stock before buying Spring Goods.

Call and examine my prices, at

NO. 21 NORTH WATER ST.

Decatur, Feb. 21, 1877—d&w3f

## The Light Running Singer Sewing Machines.

DO NOT BUY UNTIL YOU HAVE EXAMINED THE

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A full stock of

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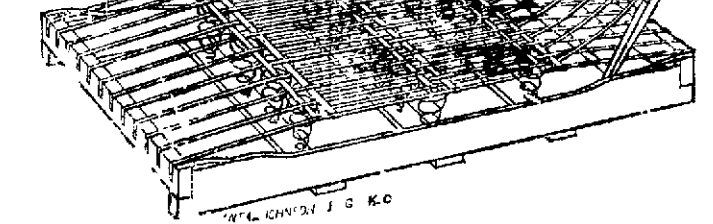
NO. 26 MERCHANT STREET, DECATUR.

GEO. P. BLUME, Gen'l Agent.

Jan. 15, 1877—d&w3f

## Kansas City Adjustable

## SPRING BED.



Especially adapted for the use of the Sick, but good for the Healthy, too.



THE OLD WAY. THE BETTER WAY.

The Kansas City Adjustable Spring Bed is used in Decatur by Gen. J. U. Moore, Dr. W. H. Mitchell, C. A. Carter, and others. Mr. Carter says:

I have tried a great many spring beds; this one gives me more comfort in my sickness than any spring bed I ever used. I have been sick between two and three years; during that time I have used other spring beds, and thought I could gain some ease. The Kansas City Adjustable Spring Bed Bottom gives more comfort; it is perfectly well adapted to all classes—the sick, the old, the young. I would recommend the Spring Bed above all others, and that every family should at least have one of them. In case of sickness, the head-rest is well adapted to the sick, as you can raise or lower the patient's head to any position desired.

The Kansas City Adjustable Spring Bed is manufactured by the undersigned, on NORTH BROADWAY, opposite Loeb's Foundry. Orders filled promptly.

## PEEPLS &amp; REEDS.

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 23, 1877—d&w3f

## WHITE SOAP

For the Economy of Toilet is EQUAL to White Castile Soap, for it is made of PURE VEGETABLE OILS, and by the same process, which retains all the natural healing qualities of the oils. It costs less than any other soap, and the imported article that it is rapidly coming into general use. The White Soap is recommended by Physicians as being so little to produce an only by PEEPLS & REEDS, Decatur, Ill. Sold by all wholesale and retail grocers.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are authorized to announce that N. A. TERRY is a candidate for U. S. Senator.

We are authorized to announce that H. A. BROWN is a candidate for the ensuing township election.

We are authorized to announce that J. W. HARRIS is a candidate for U. S. Senator.

## CITY DEPART.

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Try these fragrant cigars, at Armstrong's.

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